IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION

RALPH WILLIAMS

PLAINTIFF

v.

Civil No. <u>07-53</u>30

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Plaintiff has submitted a complaint for filing in this district, together with a request for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. After review, it is found that plaintiff is unable to pay for the costs of commencement of suit and, accordingly, the following order is entered this 13th day of December 2007:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. The clerk is hereby directed to file the complaint *nunc pro tunc* as of December 6, 2007. Additionally, the court hereby directs that a copy of the complaint filed herein, along with a copy of this order, be served by the plaintiff by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the defendant, Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration, as well as Michael B. Mukasey, U.S. Attorney General, and Claude Hawkins, Assistant U.S. Attorney, without prepayment of fees and costs or security therefor. The defendant is ordered to answer within sixty (60) days from the date of service.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT ARKANSAS

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